



DISCOVERING, LEARNING AND INSPIRING

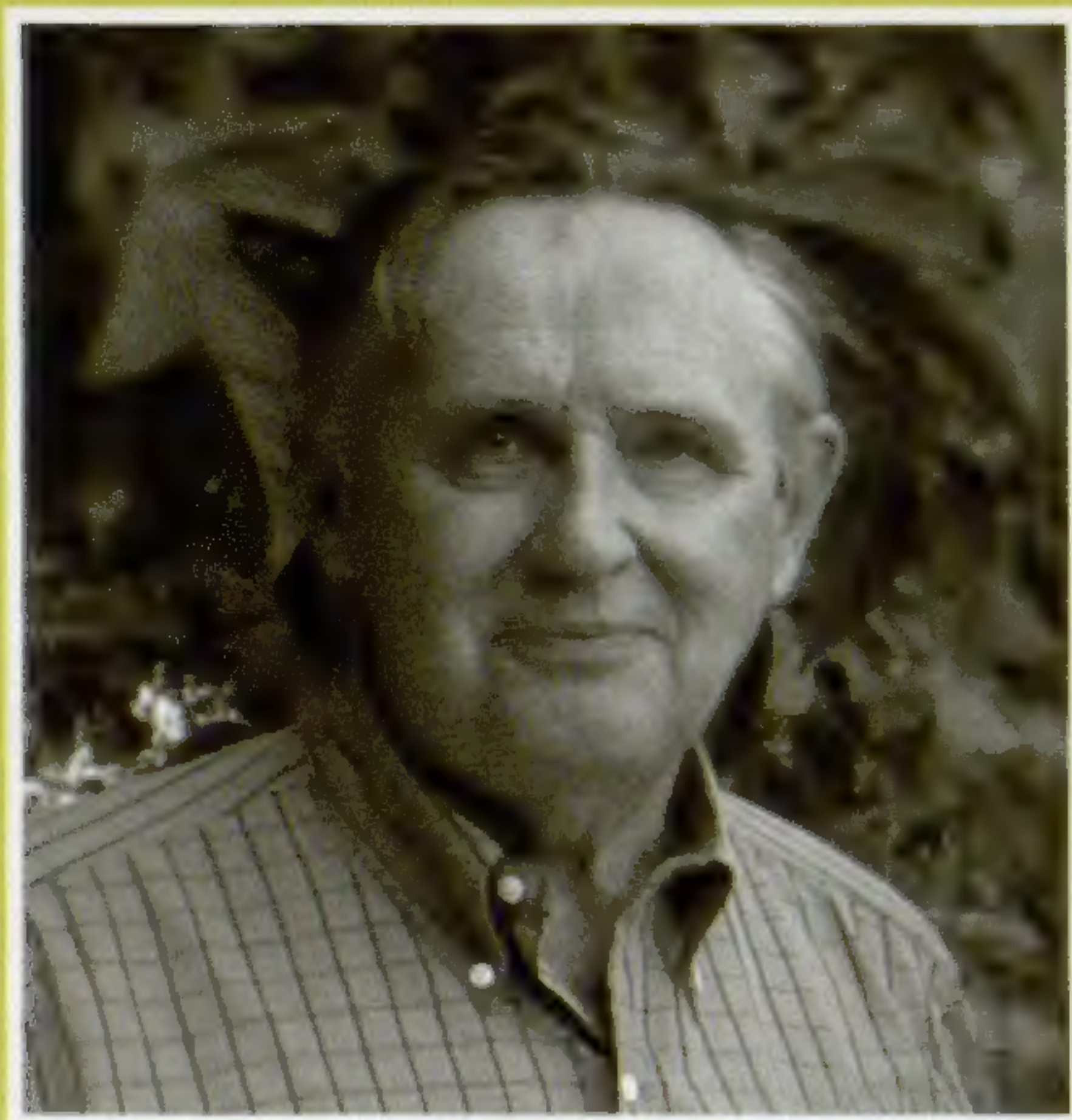


The Arboretum
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

ARBORETUM MEMBERS' MAGAZINE
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D., President



This issue of The Arboretum Magazine centers on our education programs. We feel so strongly that we are obligated to function as an important source of plant and gardening information that your learning and inspiration is part of our Mission Statement.

Since the beginning of The Arboretum, this role as a public resource has been a large part of what we do. Some of our gardening classes have been legendary. We have a library onsite, free plant information services, specialty plant society meetings and plant shows. Our volunteers help us introduce children from all over the county to the world of plants and the fun of gardens.

We are in the process of rebuilding the "Garden for All Seasons", which demonstrates to all visitors what grows in our climate.

We can direct you to the best sources of gardening instruction whatever your level of experience. Nurseries, garden writers, designers and other local experts join us in offering the Los Angeles community a very special jump-start in the best ways to garden in our Mediterranean climate.

So, we invite you, as our director Mark Wourms says, to "come grow with us", and enjoy the inspiration we can help you find at The Arboretum.

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The Arboretum's mission is to cultivate our natural, horticultural and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration.

Our vision is to be one of the world's truly great arboreta and botanic gardens-the garden which best reflects Southern California's distinct climate, community and openness to new ideas.

DEAR ARBORETUM MEMBERS

Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D., CEO



The Arboretum is known for growing and displaying amazing plants from around the world and as a place of tranquility. In actuality, we use those plants and this beautiful landscape to bring plants and nature into people's lives. Our staff and volunteers work hard to maintain the plant collections and the ambiance of peace and tranquility, but that theme is regularly interjected with events, activities, and classes. The Arboretum is a whirl of activities. Finding the equilibrium between the natural flow of a landscape and the programming associated with attracting visitors, educating our visitors, and enhancing the visitor experience is a constant

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struggle.

The mission of The Arboretum is to cultivate our natural, horticultural, and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration. This is an active mission. To fulfill this mission, we present numerous events and classes to our members and general visitors on a daily basis. Last fiscal year, over 312,000 people took advantage of our classes, special events and gardens. The LA Garden Show 2007 attracted over 10,000 people in a single weekend! Actually, the LA Garden Show is a good example of what we try to achieve with each event and program we deliver. There are learning opportunities which range from formal lectures by knowledgeable nursery people and garden designers to informal tips from growers as plants are selected by our visitors. Enjoyment comes from the festival-like atmosphere, the camaraderie of garden enthusiasts and the music, kids crafts and all the unexpected surprises throughout the day. And of course all this, plus the chance to view the latest garden designs and new merchandise and garden art, as well as the workshops, all act as sources of inspiration. All in all, the LA Garden Show delivers our mission.

When the fine staff of The Arboretum look at new programming, we ask first – does this meet our mission? If yes, we evaluate further – who is our audience? Is that audience already well-served or is this a good opportunity to serve another segment of our community? Will this program be fun and educational? Can staff deliver this program readily, ensuring a high-quality experience or do we need to find a partner/instructor? Does this program add to the overall portfolio of programming offered to the public by The Arboretum? This process of evaluation continues. Somewhere around the 15th question, we get to – will this activity be popular and will it be self-sustaining or make money?

Although very low on the evaluation list, and rarely a total obstacle, the need for programs to support themselves or make money is real. We must support the maintenance and operation costs of our gardens, facilities and educational programs. The Arboretum overall makes no profit from our education offerings. In addition to what income classes bring in, education is supported from other earned income and important donations and sponsorships. The Arboretum has maintained that education is such an integral part of our mission that it need not be a profit center. We are trying, wherever possible, to make education programming revenue neutral.

Programming is the life blood of The Arboretum. Smart, fun, and engaging programming is what keeps The Arboretum relevant. Our programming must simultaneously respond to our community's needs and provide innovative information and activities to our community in this ever-changing social and scientific environment. As you think about The Arboretum and its beauty and tranquility, please remember to peek behind the flowers to discover our active, fun and challenging programs.

PLANTS & PEOPLE

An Interview With Nan Stermán

Nan Stermán is a garden educator through books, radio and television. The following interview explores her gardening philosophy, her influences and what messages she tries to pass on. Nan will be a guest lecturer in the Plants & People lecture series, Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2pm



From reading your biographical blurb, it looks like plants have always been an important part of your life. Tell us when and how that started.

As a tiny child, I remember wandering through a "forest" of tomato plants that my grandfather planted behind the garage each summer. This was at my parent's first home, a tiny thing in Westchester, under the LAX flight path. I remember the feeling of tomato leaves brushing past my head and their unmistakable aroma.

In addition to being smitten with tomatoes, I remember loving the flowering sweet peas that my mom grew up a chain link fence. I was fascinated by the flower colors and color patterns and how no two were exactly the same. I also remember an apricot tree that gave wonderful fruits in summer. We moved

from that house before I turned 5 so it tells you how early my love of plants started.

Who were your primary influences and why?

Great question.

As a child and teenager, I devoured the photos of gardens in *Sunset Magazine* when it was owned by the Lane Brothers. They were really wonderful. I write for *Sunset* today and recently wrote part of the latest edition of *Sunset Western Gardens* (I have a collection of old editions going back to the 1950s). I can't tell you what a thrill it is to contribute to a publication that I idolize.

But it was Bob Smaus who really formed my garden aesthetic. When the *LA Times* was publishing their *Sunday Home Magazine*, Bob always had a wonderful article about a garden or a group of plants. I still have a few of my favorite issues and they (unfortunately) haven't published *Home Magazine* since the 1980s!

I remember as a kid, driving to visit my grandparents in the city (we lived in the valley by then). As we'd drive up and down the streets around Fairfax or near the old Ambassador Hotel, I'd crane my neck to see the craftsmen style homes and the old bungalow courtyards, not only to admire the homes, but to admire the gardens. I have an indelible mental image of the plant palette from that era.

In the mid 1980s, my soon-to-be husband introduced me to Manny Singer (Lili Singer's late father) who owned *Singer's Growing Things* in Northridge. My husband's family and the Singers had been neighbors in Reseda and were very good friends. From Manny, I learned a great appreciation for succulents and other oddities.

Today, I have many influences and it would be hard to name them all (actually, I'd be terrified of leaving out someone important), but one of my most treasured mentors is Jan Smithen. I can't say enough about how Jan has inspired, educated, and encouraged me over the last 10 years (yes, Jan, it has been that long).

Tell us how you came to believe that gardening in a more sustainable matter was important. Was there a moment of realization or an epiphany? Tell us about it.

I've been doing this kind of gardening since the 1970s at the height of the environmental movement. I spent a summer as the gardener at the Integral Urban House in Berkeley.

The Integral Urban House was a project of the Farallones Institute, designed to demonstrate how "regular people" could make their homes more "environmentally friendly." The house had solar heating, a wood cookstove, a small refrigerator for dairy and meat products, but veggies and other things that don't need to be kept that cold went into a cupboard that was vented from the outside for passive cooling. We had a composting toilet (really!) and so on.

The landscape was all edible (this was when Roz Creasy had just published *Edible Landscaping* – another huge influence on me) and the backyard was a huge vegetable garden with fruit trees, compost bins, rabbits (for meat and manure), chickens (for eggs, eating garden scraps, manure, etc), a small tilapia pond (for meat), a beehive above the pond so the bees had a water source and they became fish food when they died and fell into the pond. In those days, we referred to this kind of system as "permaculture." Today, we call it "sustainable gardening."

I was in charge of the vegetables and fruit trees, chickens, compost, and rabbits. It was a huge education and one that inspired the rest of my life.

Tell us about the overarching messages you try to achieve in your work as a garden writer, radio host, and garden television personality.

A couple of messages permeate my new book, *California Gardeners Guide Volume II*, as well as my TV show, *A Growing Passion*:

Gardening is a fun, inspiring, creative, and therapeutic. It is accessible to everyone, regardless of age or ability. It doesn't matter if you have two acres or a balcony, own your home or rent it. You can garden.

Gardening is a fabulous family activity. Kids LOVE to garden. Exposing them to gardening and to the outdoors in general when they are young, is giving them a gift they will carry into adulthood.

We Californians need to adapt our gardening to truly reflect our region. Especially in Southern California, we live in what is almost an irrigated desert, one where the amount of water available to each of us is growing smaller and smaller. It is time that we own up to that, in part by using appropriate plants and gardening techniques.

My personal goal is to create a beautiful garden using as little water as possible. And you know what? It isn't very hard to do.



BLOOM

Frank McDonough, Plant Information Specialist

September - October

Roses

Rosa sp. and hybrids

Do not severely prune roses in the fall, instead just head them back lightly, no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the height of the bush. Feed with a low nitrogen, high phosphorous food or do not feed at all.



October-November

Perennials

Mid to late fall is a good time to divide many perennials.

November

Citrus

Citrus sp.

Prune citrus no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ the total starting volume of the canopy. Make sure that the canopy remains fairly intact, i.e. do not open up any large holes in it. If you plan to prune citrus don't fertilize in the fall. Wait to fertilize in the spring.

October-December

Trees and shrubs

Fall is not a good time to prune most trees and shrubs, mid to late winter being the best time, however some hedges and trees may need attention. For trees that means removing only dead branches making sure to prune them off about $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2" from their point of origin on the branch.

LIBRARY

Check It Out!

Susan C. Eubank, Arboretum Librarian

Great things are happening at the Arboretum Library. Thanks to a Good Family Foundation grant the Library is moving to an electronic catalog. By the end of the year we will have about 2,000 electronic records of the items from our old-fashioned card catalog and those items that have been added since late 2005. The catalog will be accessible from our website at www.Arboratum.org in the Library section.

Thanks to the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation the Library now has integrated library system software (ILS). What does that mean?

Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation members will be able to check items out from the Arboretum Library. The circulation period will be three weeks with two renewals. If you want to keep in touch through this process, subscribe to my e-mail newsletter with news on Library developments, lists of recent interesting magazine articles, new acquisitions (books, DVDs, etc.) for the Library and librarian-tested, plant-related websites. Send Susan an e-mail at Susan.Eubank@Arboratum.org with your request or come in and check it out!

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Fall at The Arboretum



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Fresh – Celebrating The Table
The Peggy Rahn & Sue Kranwinkle Show
2007 Holiday Menu
From Savory Starters to Fabulous Finishes!

Wed, Nov 28 ; 3 - 5pm

\$40 members/\$45 non-members

Pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

Jump start your holidays with a fun afternoon filled with delicious recipes to boost your party repertoire! Learn terrific entertaining ideas and tricks for the holidays at this year's FRESH cooking class and fundraiser – our 6th one! (Thank you, Peg & Sue!) This new menu includes prime-stuffed pork, with or without a pastry wrap, lots of do-ahead freezer appetizers and desserts, Sue's sophisticated variation on Tater Tots using either herbs or truffles, a stunning vegetable basket centerpiece, homemade remoulade, a festive salad with arugula, feta and pomegranate seeds and several variations on sweet and savory "cut and bake" cookies. Learn to make crepes—the new rage—filled with a special cranberry sauce.

The Dynamic Duo does this every day donating their time, the food and the supplies. We need you will join our efforts to raise funds to improve the facilities and the equipment for the FRESH series by attending this event and bringing a friend or two.

Plants & People Lecture Series
Author and Gardening Expert Nan Sterman
How to "Green" Your Garden
With an Introduction by Jan Smithen
Reception and book signing to follow lecture

Sun, Dec 2 ; 2pm

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

Call 626.821.4623 for reservations, or www.arboretum.org for the details.

Learn the basics of "green" gardening and ten easy ways to make your home garden "greener." Get tips on selecting the plants best suited for California's Mediterranean climate, learn about hydrozoning, drip irrigation and composting. The presentation will include several demonstrations and a handout with resource information.

Nan Sterman is an award winning gardening expert and author who lives in San Diego County. She writes about unique gardens and gardeners, as well as subjects ranging from green gardening to specialty nurseries, and how-to's. For several years, Nan was garden editor for San Diego Home Garden Lifestyle Magazine. Today, she writes regularly for a variety of regional and national publications, and has just completed her first book as a solo author. The Do-It-Yourself Network has featured her in several of its shows, and she has been a guest on several network newscasts. A Reception and book signing for *California Gardeners Guide Volume II* will follow the talk.

October events

01
MON

Botanical Watercolor Workshop

8 Mondays, Aug 20-Oct 8; Oct 15-Dec 3
9:30-11:30 am

This is a self-directed workshop (no official instructor) that provides an encouraging and supportive environment for those wishing to concentrate on their painting. \$35 members/\$42 non-members; call 626.821.4623 to register

Tai Chi

8 Mondays, Sept 10-Nov 5 Beginning and Intermediate: 6:30-7:30pm

Increase energy, enhance flexibility and mobility, develop self-discipline, release stress, practice self-defense, lose weight, lower your blood pressure and control balance. Instructor: MoChi Sasian Yau

\$48 members/\$52 non-members; call 626.821.4623 to register

03
WED

Botanical Illustration II: Drawing Plants

6 Weds: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 14
9:30 am-1 pm (18 hours of class)

Accurate rendering of plants and leaves is the focus. All levels of experience welcome. Instructor: Olga Eysymontt

\$248 members / \$271 non-members; call 626.821.4623 to register

04
WED

Garden Talks with Lili Singer

Designing with Succulents with Debra Lee Baldwin 9:30-Noon



Whether your yard is a tiny balcony or boulder-strewn slope, this program offers simple, practical ways to create a colorful low-maintenance garden, using a range of readily available succulent plants. Advice on appropriate plant combinations and care will also be provided. Debra is an award-winning garden and design writer. \$100 for series of 8, or \$20 per class payable at the door; call 626.821.4623 to register

06
SAT

Korean Stone Exhibit

9am-4pm

07
SUN

Korean Stone Exhibit

9am-4pm

Bookworms "The Changing Face of Fall"
2 pm; meet in the Rotunda entrance

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WED

"Fresh – Celebrating the Table" Cooking At The Arboretum

3-5pm Chef Greg Bernhardt of 750 ML

Join Chef Greg from the fabulous new South Pasadena restaurant, 750 ML. He has a wonderful menu planned that includes grilled apple salad with frisee, hazelnuts, and morbiere; butternut squash soup, poached shrimp, and blue cheese; roasted goose with five spice glaze and piquant cherry stuffing with thyme and lemon zest.

\$35 members/\$40 non-members per class; Pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

11
THU

Garden Talks with Lili Singer

California Color: Gardening with Native Perennials and Bulbs with Barbara Eisenstein 9:30-Noon

Don't miss this fiesta of California's flowering perennials and bulbs. They're colorful, fun to grow, wildlife-attracting, great for cutting – and fall is the best time to plant them!

\$100 for the series of 8, or \$20 per class payable at the door

13
SAT

"Intelligent Use of Water" Film Festival

6:30 pm \$75/person. RSVP 626.821.3232

14
SUN

Woven Sculpture Workshop for the Family

3pm

Come join us for a bit of garden whimsy as we create forms or figures to enhance your garden using traditional basketry and lashing techniques. These sculptures may be used as ornamentation or as natural topiary forms. Please bring a pair of pliers; all other materials included. Instructor: Leigh Adams. Family Fee: \$50 members/\$55 non-members; pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

17
WED

Bookworms "The Changing Face of Fall"
10 am; meet in the Rotunda entrance

18
THU

Garden Talks with Lili Singer

Primo Plants for Southern California Gardens with Joe Brosius ; 9:30-Noon

For plant nuts only! Horticulturist and grower Joe Brosius presents a potpourri of fine plants for this region, grown locally by Magic Growers in Pasadena. Expect a fascinating assortment of new, slightly different and time-tested perennials, herbs, vines, landscape roses, bulbs and succulents. Plant sale follows the class.

\$100 for series of 8, or \$20 per class payable at the door

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New Member Tours

10-11am; 11am-12noon
call 626.821.3233

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Bookworms "The Changing Face of Fall"
10am; meet in the Rotunda entrance

Garden Talks with Lili Singer

Field Trip – An Autumn Tour of Descanso Gardens with Brian Sullivan 10:00-Noon

Few gardens are lovelier in early fall than Descanso, with its rustic harvest garden, meticulously trained chrysanthemum displays and brilliant warm-season perennials, late-season roses, lush shade-loving tropical plants and beautiful flowering grasses. Our guide is Brian Sullivan, manager of horticulture and display.

\$100 for series of 8, or \$20 per class. Pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

27
SAT

Halloween Family Festival

10am-2pm

Arboretum admission plus \$10 per child for non-members/\$5 per child for members.

28
SUN

Halloween Family Festival

10am-2pm

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November events

01
THU

Garden Talks with Lili Singer: Plants for Tough Places

9:30-Noon

Every garden has spots where few plants, if any, will grow. This problem-solving class highlights plants that will tolerate – even thrive – in such difficult situations as deep shade, dry shade, constant moisture and searing heat. Lili is a horticultural consultant, educator and garden writer whose work appears in the LA Times.

\$100 for series of 8, or \$20 per class payable at the door

03
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Flower Arranging Show Las Artistas de Flores

10am-4pm

04
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Flower Arranging Show Las Artistas de Flores

10am-4pm

08
THU

Garden Talks with Lili Singer: Gardening with a Water-Wise Approach with Judy Wigand

9:30-Noon

Former owner of the legendary nursery, Judy's Perennials, Judy now lectures on,



among other topics the ~~and~~ use of perennials. Her illustrated lecture will give gardeners creative ideas, and show how attractive dry gardens can be. She'll share the beauty of interior desert landscapes, sturdy California natives and water-thrifty plants.

\$100 for the series of 8, or \$20 per class payable at the door

10
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Winter Cactus Show & Sale

9am-4pm

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SUN

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9am-4pm

17
SAT

Harvest-Basket Workshop for the Family, 3pm

We'll take a gourd base and add basketry to create a beautiful cornucopia that can be used as a centerpiece with any decor. Tools and materials supplied but feel free to bring materials for coiling if you prefer to use your own. Instructor: Leigh Adams
Family Fee: \$50 members/\$55 non-members; pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

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Bookworms "Twisted Plants"

2pm; meet in the Rotunda entrance

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10am; meet in the Rotunda entrance

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10am; meet in the Rotunda entrance

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Botanical Illustration III, Composition;

9:30am-2pm (12 hours of class)

November 28, December 5, 12 ;



Learn to create a pleasing and interesting composition for your botanical sketches. Demonstrations will take you step by step from sketch to a final composition. Please bring your sketches to the first class meeting. All levels of experience welcome. Instructor: Olga Eysymontt
\$165 members/\$181 non-members; pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

28
WED

Fresh – Celebrating the Table Cooking Class : The Peggy Rahn & Susan Kranwinkle Show 2007 Holiday Menu from Savory Starters to Fabulous Finishes!

3-5pm



Susan and Peggy are ready to jump-start your holidays with a fun afternoon filled with delicious recipes to boost your party repertoire. It will be a great NEW menu for a holiday dinner party. Raffles, laughter and stories highlight this FRESH fundraiser. Don't miss this! Reserve your spot quickly as space is limited.

\$40 members/\$45 non-members; pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623



December events

01
SAT

Tree Pruning

10am-12noon

Pruning is both an art and a skill. Certified arborist and plant pathologist Dr. Jerry Turney will explain the right approach to pruning, the appropriate time to do it, how to prune and the proper tools to use. Long-term care and maintenance strategies will help your trees to flourish. Instructor: Dr. Jerry Turney
\$20 members / \$22 non-members; call 626.821.4623 to register or you may pay at the door.

02
SUN

Plants & People Lecture Series Author and Gardening Expert Nan Sterman

How to "Green" Your Garden

With an introduction by Jan Smithen

Reception and book signing to follow lecture
2pm



Hear tips on selecting the plants best suited for our climate as well as ten easy ways to make your garden "greener". Nan Sterman, an award winning gardening expert and author, has just written her first solo book, *California Gardeners Guide Volume II*.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members; call 626.821.4623 for reservations, or you may pay at the door

Bookworms "Hooray for Rain!"

2 pm; meet in the Rotunda entrance

09
SUN

The Queen Anne Cottage Open House

10am-4pm

11
TUE

Old Fashioned Wreath Workshop

10 am-Noon



Using fresh greens (both the traditional and the unusual) from The Arboretum grounds, make a wreath to welcome in the holidays. All materials will be provided. Please bring your own gardening gloves, clippers and wire cutters (and any decorations you may wish to add to your creation!). Marla Carter and Friends, instructors
\$25 members/\$30 non-members; pre-registration required; call 626.821.4623

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SUN

Christmas Day

The Arboretum is Closed



Kids and Families



Halloween Family Festival

Sat & Sun, Oct 27 & 28 ; 10am-2pm

A day full of fun-filled activities including candy, a treasure hunt, nature crafts & activities, Arboretum art, family photos, costume parade and much, much more! Costume Parade begins at 1pm and 3pm each day. A fun-filled day celebrating fall and nature, the changing seasons, and of course, Halloween! No pre-registration required.

Regular Arboretum admission fees apply for non-members, plus \$10 per child to participate in the event. The event fee for members is \$5 per child.

Woven Sculpture Workshop for the Family

Sunday, Oct 14 ; 3pm

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Bookworms

This is a FREE storytelling program. Come and explore The Arboretum Library and our great story trees! Enjoy plant & nature stories and make a craft to take home with you. Fill your Bookworm passport with story time visits. Meet in the Rotunda.

October *The Changing Face of Fall*: Sun, Oct 7, 2pm; Wed, Oct 17, 10am; Sun, Oct 21, 2pm; Mon, Oct 22, 10am

November *Twisted Plants*: Sun, Nov 4, 2pm; Sun, Nov 18, 2pm; Wed, Nov 21, 10am; Mon, Nov 26, 10am

December *Hooray for Rain!* (only 3 dates due to holidays): Sun, Dec 2, 2pm; Sun, Dec 16, 2pm; Wed, Dec 19, 10am

Music Tree

Family Music Touched by Nature – Ages 3 - 5 years

Music, storytelling, poetry and dramatic play serve as a jumping off point for learning about nature in this unique parent-child class. Children become active and joyful music makers right away as they play simple instruments, sing, dance, chant, and play movement and listening games. Nature themes are integrated into the music curriculum. Instructor Laurel Beck is on the Music Department faculty at Pasadena City College, where she teaches music education to current and future teachers of young children, and coordinates an early childhood music education certificate program. Class will begin in the spring; please call 626.821.4623 for dates.

KidsArt at The Arboretum

8 Saturdays, Sept 15-Nov 10 (No class Oct.27)

Nature-themed fine art drawing classes for ages 4-12. Fee: \$14 per class x 8 classes + \$5 materials fee = \$117

10 Saturdays, Jan. 19-April 5 (no class march 8 & 22)

Fee: \$14 per class x 10 classes + \$5 materials fee = \$145

12:00-1:00pm & 1:15-2:15pm; call 818.248.2764 to register



Events

Korean Stone Exhibit

October 6 & 7, 9 am to 4 pm

The Intelligent Use of Water™ Film Competition

October 13, 6:30 pm to 10 pm. RSVP \$75/person

College Fair

October 20, 10 am to 4 pm

Halloween Family Festival

Sat & Sun, Oct 27 & 28 ; 10am-2pm.

Arboretum admission plus \$10 per child for non-members
\$5 per child for members.

Flower Arranging Show / Las Artistas de Flores

November 3 & 4, Sat. 11 am to 5 pm; Sun. 10 am to 4 pm

Winter Cactus Show and Sale

November 10 & 11, 9 am to 4 pm

The Queen Anne Cottage Open House

December 9, 10 am to 4 pm

Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Show and Sale

January 19 & 20, 10 am to 4:30 pm

New Class

The Seasonal Gardener (Beyond 101) With Steve Gerischer 1:30pm-4:30pm; \$22 members / \$25 non-members per class

Learn the essentials of gardening in tune with the seasons. In each of these four workshops, the highpoints of major tasks and projects best suited to the specific time of year will be covered. Gardening in Southern California requires a bit of finesse and know-how in anticipation of the upcoming season, and these workshops will help you to fine tune your horticultural calendar.

FALL Saturday, October 6 : Bamboo Room

Major planting projects (the best time of year for planting)
Pruning evergreens/hedges and trees (do it now, and save time later)

Starting cool season color and crops (winter veggies and Christmas sweet peas!)

Bulbs (Nature's pre-packaged miracles)

Propagation (seeds and cuttings-let's get cheap and easy!)

Soil prep (turn that dirt into soil)

WINTER Saturday, January 12 : Palm Room

Pruning dormant plants. (time to cut back the roses and fruit trees)

Planting 'bare root' plants (go ahead-buy that 'stick')

Winter color (full bloom in February)

Holiday decorations from your yard (Deck the Halls!)

Clean up (do I have to?)

Using the rain (if we get any!)

Save The Dates

Jan 3-Feb 21

Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer ; 9:30 – 12noon

Jan 3

The Designer's Eye with Steve Gerischer

Jan 10

Field Trip to Quail Hollow, Tujunga, and Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley

Jan 17

Buns, Balls and Cones: Simple Topiary with Jan Smithen

Jan 24

Best-loved Plants...So Far with Lili Singer

Jan 31

"Water Less" Tropical Gardening in Semi-arid Southern California with Greg Aspagh

Jan 4-Feb 22

Ikebana ; 9:30-11:30am; 12-2pm

Jan 5

Family Adventures ; 2pm

Jan 6 & 20

Bookworms Sundays Jan 6 & 20 ; 2pm; Wednesday Jan 16 10am; Monday Jan 28 ;10am

Jan 6

Rose Pruning with Steve Gerischer ; 2-4pm

Jan 12

The Seasonal Gardener (Beyond 101) with Steve Gerischer ; 1:30-4:30pm

Jan 19-April 5

KidsArt at The Arboretum ; 12-1pm; 1:15-2:15pm

Jan 20

Pruning Fruit Trees with Rick Wheeler ; 1:00-3:30 pm; Free

Jan 20 & 21

Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Show & Sale ; 10am-4:30pm

February 2008

Patrick Dougherty: Nature & Art in a Sustainable Way of Life

Feb 13

Fresh-Celebrating the Table-Gale's Restaurant ; 3-5pm

Feb 19-June 17

Urban Arboriculture, a Mt. SAC class

Feb

Botanical Illustration with Olga Eysymontt will continue

Mar 4-7

Cultivating the Written Word: Creative Garden Writing From Production To Publication. A Workshop with C. Colston Burrell and Lucy Hardiman; Presented in Cooperation with Horticulture magazine; Details to come...

New Member Tours

New member orientation tours are available to new Arboretum members. Tours take place at both 10am and 11am.

Reservations are required. Call 626.821.3233 to RSVP.

October 20 & 21

November 17 & 18

December 15 & 16

The Perfect Gift

Give a gift of an Arboretum membership this holiday and share the beauty of the Garden all year long. Your gift is even more meaningful because it helps support The Arboretum's programs and gardens. Through the month of December 2007, all purchases of a gift membership at the Family level will be \$10 off. And, as special gift to you, with each new gift membership, you will receive a 12-month full-color calendar of The Arboretum. This calendar will also be available for sale in the Garden & Gift Shop.

To order gift memberships, call 626.821.3233 or visit our website at www.arboretum.org, print the membership form and fax it to 626.821.4642.

*To guarantee delivery before the holidays, your form and payment should be received by December 17. This offer is valid for gift memberships only and does not apply to membership renewals. Offer ends December 31, 2007

Holiday Tea at the Garden & Gift Shop

November 7-9 | 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Preview holiday gifts including tree ornaments, succulent arrangements, specialty plants, garden accoutrements, books and a limited edition Arboretum calendar. Members receive 10% off at the Garden & Gift Shop.

GIGABYTE GARDENING

Creative Garden Writing Workshop

Learn to cultivate the written word from production to publication with this workshop given by C. Colston Burrell and Lucy Hardiman presented in Cooperation with Horticulture magazine March 4-7, 2008.

C. Colston Burrell is a garden designer, photographer, naturalist and award-winning writer. Cole, an avid and lifelong plantsman, is author of several books, including the best-selling *Perennial Combinations*, and the popular Rodale's *All New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials*, with Ellen Phillips, reissued in 2004. Cole serves as contributing editor to *Horticulture*, and writes regularly for *Fine Gardening*, *Landscape Architecture*, *American Gardener* and the *Brooklyn Botanic Garden*.

Lucy Hardiman was to the garden born. As a fifth generation Oregon gardener, most of her childhood memories revolve around the cycles and seasons of the garden. She is past president of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon and her garden has been featured in numerous publications. A popular lecturer, teacher and author, Lucy is a contributing editor for *Horticulture*, pens a column for *Northwest Garden News* and writes for *Fine Gardening* and *Pacific Horticulture*.

To register for the Cultivating The Written Word: Creative Garden Writing From Production To Publication workshop call the education hotline 626.821.4623.

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Plant Societies and Clubs

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Elaine Baxter
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www.begonias.org

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Southeastern Orchid Show Committee

Bill Austin
(714) 637-5873
www.orchidshow.org



DISCOVERY TRAILS

The Wild Garden; A California Native Habitat

Marcela Liñeiro, Grace Kallum Perennial Garden Curator

There are so many reasons to advocate planting natives it's difficult to know where to begin. Aside from being low-maintenance, (native trees, shrubs and perennials are a lot less work than mowing, watering, fertilizing and weeding a lawn weekly or more), environmentally responsible (natives use significantly less water), aesthetically congruent (native plants make Southern California look, feel and smell like Southern California) natives provide a home for the bird, butterfly, bee, bug and critter population with which we share this planet.

Gardening for wildlife can be a bit of an aesthetic adjustment to devotees of the obsessively manicured and dead-headed



school. Seed heads on grasses? Leave 'em alone, seed-eaters such as bushtits and goldfinches love them. Plants chewed down to sticks have to be something that you get excited about, not something that causes you to reach for some nasty poison! That old, rotting tree stump is a whole lunch buffet for insects and the insectivorous birds, reptiles and mammals that in turn call them dinner. In short, wildlife gardening causes the gardener to reexamine not only their priorities and motives in the garden, but the impact their choices make on the cycle of life.

The essential elements of a habitat garden (water, food, cover, open areas, nesting and perching sites, nest-building materials) can all be observed and in one of The Arboretum's newest gardens. The Wild Garden: A California Native Habitat is the latest addition to the Roots and Shoots Children's Discovery Node, just north-northeast of the Tule Pond.

The Wild Garden features a central meadow planting of Blue Grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*) and some species from the chaparral and mixed-evergreen plant communities, but the majority of the plants are denizens of the coastal sage scrub. These plants are well-suited to Southern California's dry summers and no irrigation system was installed in The Wild Garden. The new plantings do receive supplemental hose-watering but hopefully as they mature (provided our winter rainfall returns to historic averages) they will require additional water very rarely, if at all.

When we begin to see our gardens as more than just pretty places for flowers and start looking a little closer (are those lacewing eggs?), we cannot help but recognize the interconnectedness of all life on this planet. There is respect for and cooperation with this larger picture when we decide to create a habitat garden. What better classroom in which to teach future generations about the importance of living conscientiously than their own backyards?

Here are ten great natives for habitat gardening:

Asclepias fascicularis, Narrowleaf Milkweed (Monarch butterfly larval host)

Adenostoma fasciculatum, Chamise (Gray Hairstreak butterfly larval host)

Artemisia tridentata, Great Basin Sagebrush (Orocles use dry stems for nesting)

Baccharis pilularis, Coyote Brush (shelter)

Encelia californica, Bush Sunflower (butterfly nectar source; seed is food for Lesser, Lawrence's Goldfinch)

Epilobium canum, California Fuchsia (White-lined sphinx moth larval host and hummingbird nectar plant)

Eriogonum fasciculatum, California Buckwheat (Gray Hairstreak butterfly larval host; food for many seed-eating birds)

Heteromeles arbutifolia, Toyon (fruit is food for the Western Bluebird, American Robin, Band-Tailed Pigeon and others)

Salvia clevelandii, Cleveland Sage (nectar plant for butterflies and hummingbirds, seeds are food for birds)

Sambucus Mexicana, Mexican Elderberry (fruit is food for many birds, flowers attract hummingbirds, butterflies, bees)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Arboretum Partners with Rain Bird

The Arboretum partners with Rain Bird to bring you the first Intelligent Use of Water Film Festival. Together we can help raise awareness of the need to conserve and protect water.

Water may seem like the most abundant resource on earth, but only 1% of it is fresh water – the only portion that is currently usable for human consumption. Another 2% is held in snow and icebergs, and the rest is saltwater.

More demands are being placed on the little water that is available to us. At the current rate of population growth, the United Nations predicts that more than 2.7 billion people will face severe shortages of water by 2025. And it's not just a problem for developing countries: even in the U.S., 36 states are already facing water shortages and



mandatory water conservation measures.

Share your support for the awareness of the Intelligent Use of Water by attending the October 13th film festival at The Arboretum and be inspired to manage and efficiently use the earth's most precious resource. For more information visit www.arboretum.org or call 626.821.3232.

MEET AND GREET

Jill Berry

Education is always the first priority here at The Arboretum. If you've ever walked around in the gardens, signs identify plants at every corner, and experts are always on hand to help. At the heart of programming, is The Arboretum's mission to cultivate our natural, horticultural and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration. An amazing woman coordinates the plethora of educational opportunities.



Jill Berry, the education program manager, has been with The Arboretum for almost nine years. Her goals aim to provide a large spectrum of quality classes for every homegrown gardener, allowing everyone to enjoy and appreciate nature. In addition, The Arboretum Library and the plant information office provide free additional knowledge to anyone seeking to learn more about horticulture and the fascinating world of plants. All the resources here seek to give everyone a sense of ownership in The Arboretum and nature as a whole. Together, they make The Arboretum a fun and inviting place to learn about nature. For more information, call 626.821.4624 about classes, the plant information office 626.821.3239, and The Arboretum Library 626.821.3213.

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